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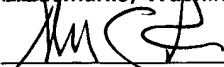
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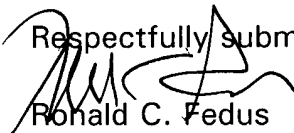
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The Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite fee of \$55.00 for an extension for response within the first month as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). No other fee is believed due in connection with this extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of any such other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto. A DUPLICATE copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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